



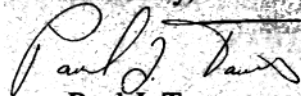
*A Message From  
General Treasurer  
Paul J. Tavares:*

If you or a loved one has suffered personal injury from a violent crime, the Rhode Island Crime Victim Compensation Program may be able to help.

This program was created to help victims with the many costs associated with violent crime. The program provides financial compensation to crime victims for such expenses as medical bills, loss of earnings and funeral expenses, up to \$25,000.

While no amount of compensation can erase the painful memories of a violent crime, I hope this program will help in your recovery and ease some of the financial burdens you face.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Tavares  
General Treasurer

**Crime Victim Compensation Program**

Office of the General Treasurer

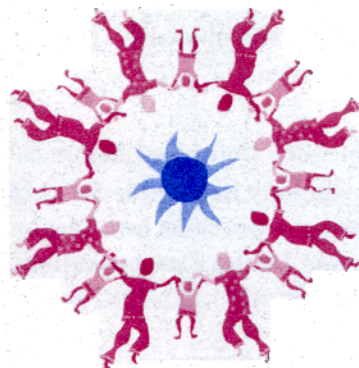
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*Rhode Island's Crime Victim  
Compensation Program*



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violent crime, this program  
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**The Rhode Island Crime Victim Compensation Program helps victims with costs for crime-related injuries.**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Innocent victims who suffer physical or emotional injury in a violent crime in Rhode Island.

Dependents and immediate family members of homicide victims.

**\*If you were victimized before Sept. 1, 1999, you may be eligible for compensation under a previous law. Please contact the Crime Victim Compensation Program at (401) 222-2287 for details.**

**HOW DO YOU GET HELP?**

You must report the crime to law enforcement authorities within ten days.

You must apply for compensation within three years of the crime. If you were under the age of 18 at the time of the crime, the application period is extended. *(Those victimized before Sept. 1, 1999 who choose to file under previous law have one year to file.)*

You must cooperate with reasonable requests of law enforcement authorities in their investigation and prosecution of the crime.

You must **NOT** have contributed to the crime.

You must **NOT** be imprisoned nor have been convicted of a violent crime.

**WHAT EXPENSES ARE COVERED?**

*The program can help with the following expenses, which are not covered by insurance or other resources, not to exceed \$25,000:*

- Medical, dental and hospital expenses
- Mental health counseling expenses
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Loss of earnings (victim only)
- Loss of support

*Property losses are NOT covered.*

**FOR HELP...**

**COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

**YOUR FORM WILL BE REVIEWED AND YOU MAY BE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO HIRE A LAWYER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT.**

